

DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

(Insert Title) HOLOGRAPHIC OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM DRIVE EMPLOYING THE SAME

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:



was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

				Priority Claimed
(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	<u>2000-092304</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>29/3/2000</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>X</u> Yes ___ No
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(List Prior U.S. Applications)	(Appln. Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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